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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 GREGORY C. BONTEMPS,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 E. RAMIREZ,

15 Defendant.
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No. 2:14-cv-1929 KJN P

ORDER

17 Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a civil rights action pursuant to 42
18 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff has neither filed an application to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to
19 28 U.S.C. § 1915, nor paid the filing fee for this action.

20 The federal venue statute provides that a civil action “may be brought in (1) a judicial
21 district in which any defendant resides, if all defendants are residents of the State in which the
22 district is located, (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions
23 giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of property that is the subject of the action
24 is situated, or (3) if there is no district in which an action may otherwise be brought as provided in
25 this action, any judicial district in which any defendant is subject to the court’s personal
26 jurisdiction with respect to such action.” 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

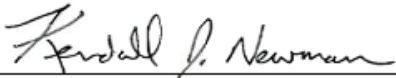
27 In this case, the defendant(s) are located and the claim arose in Imperial County, which is
28 in the Southern District of California. Therefore, plaintiff’s claim should have been filed in the

1 United States District Court for the Southern District of California. In the interest of justice, a
2 federal court may transfer a complaint filed in the wrong district to the correct district. See 28
3 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Starnes v. McGuire, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

4 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the United
5 States District Court for the Southern District of California.

6 Dated: August 25, 2014

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KENDALL J. NEWMAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE